

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

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All Participants:(1) Exr. HENRY N TRAN (PTO).(2) Mr. DAVID L. BANNER (Reg. No. 39,898).**Status of Application:** pending

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Date of Interview: 25 June 2004**Time:** 10:30AM**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

The rejections under 35 USC 103(a).

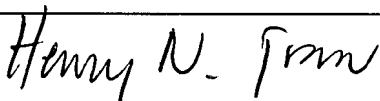
Claims discussed:

Claims 1-11

Prior art documents discussed:

*Jarlance-Huang (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,574), Paley (U.S. Patent No. 5,506,605), and Akiyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,982,356)***Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet***Part III.**☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: (a) discussed that the amendment filed 4/1/04 failed to claim the patentable features of a symmetrical, miniature, hand-held trackball pointing device; the hand-held input devices of the cited prior art have a housing that could not be retained in a user's hand while freeing the post-metacarpal regions of a index, a middle, and a ring finger for other operations, such as typing on the computer keyboard, etc.

(b) agreed that the examiner is authorized to do red lines corrections in the specification, and to make an examiner's amendment to amend claim 1 as specifically described in the Proposed Amendment faxed to the examiner on 6/25/04 for placing the application in condition for allowance.